to point basis to augment the public transport system and discourage use of private vehicles.

Elephant project

949. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have recognised Andhra Pradesh under "Elephant Project";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) and (b) The Project Elephant has been approved as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the year 1991-92. The detailed project which is under finalisation will take into account the proposals submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government for providing financial assistance to the State for management of its elephant population.

(c) Does not arise.

Electronic telephone exchange at Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh

950. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install electronic telephone exchange at Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A 2500 lines Main C-DOT electronic exchange is allotted with further expansion by 1000 Lines (2000-3060) L.

The new exchange is likely to be commissioned during the 8th Plan period.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.

दिल्ली में डाक और तार विभाग के कर्मचारियों को आवास सुविधाएं

951. **श्री विश्वास राव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या संचार मंत्री 2 जनवरी, 1991 को राज्य सभा में दिये गये अतारांकित प्रश्न 701 के उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जिन कर्मचारियों को मकान दिये जा चुके हैं उनकी सूची क्या है ; और

(ख) संलग्नक "क" और "ख" । जिन कर्मचारियों को मकान नहीं दिये गये हैं, उन्हें मकान कब तक दिये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

पैट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री और संचार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री जयप्रकाश) : (क) और (ख) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Import of Chinese arms by Nepal

952. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of purchase and import by Nepal of Chinese arms was discussed during the Prime Minister's recent visit to Nepal;

(b) if so, what was the stand of India and Nepal on this issue; whether Nepal still respects its obligation in this respect under the treaty of 1950 and 1965 arrangements; and

(c) whether Nepalese have executed their commitments regarding ending of discrimination against teachers of Indian

origin and free and easy flow of currency between the two countries; if not the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Both these issues were taken up with the Government of Nepal during Prime Minister's visit. They undertook to ensure equal treatment, as compared to their Nepalese counterparts, for Indian teachers working in Nepal. They also agreed to remove the remaining restrictions on free flow of Indian currency from Nepal to India.

Nepalese residents of Northern parts of West Bengal

953. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will he Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Nepalese residents of northern parts of West Bengal, who had crossed over to adjoining Bhutan, have been pushed back by the Bhutanese army into Dooars region of West Bengal; if so, whether there is some unrest because of this in that area;

(b) whether the West Bengal Government was invited by the Bhutan Government for discussion; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. A delegation led by the Bhutanese Foreign Minister did, however, have discussions with the senior officials of the Union Government and the Government of West Bengal in Calcutta recently. Various steps to tackle day-to-day problems in the border areas due to the unrest in Southern Bhutan were agreed upon. Government also reiterated its commitment not to allow the Indian territory to be used for activities directed against friendly Bhutan.

Satyagrah of Baba Amte

954. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Baba Amte had started 'Satyagrah' to stop the construction work of Sardar Sarovar on "Narmada dam";

(b) if so, what type of assurance has been given to Baba by Central Government; and

(c) whether Central Government is going to change the height of Sardar Sarovar Dam?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No assurance has been given to Baba Amte or to anybody else by the Central Government.

(c) No, Sir.

Demands of extra departmental agents

955. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the pending demands of Extra Departmental Agents with Government; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto and by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) and (b) The main demands